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During the 2006-2007 academic year CSU Libraries pursued many strategic initiatives related to their goals, a number of which were successfully completed. Below are highlighted some of the main accomplishments under each of the libraries' four goals.

*Goal 1: Contribute to the **enhancement of student learning** by providing library/information resources, instruction, technology and staff in support of the university's curricular objectives.*

The major accomplishment under the first goal involved instruction in information literacy. Beginning in the fall of 2006, the Libraries' new "Instruction Team" (comprised of librarians Chris Bloss, Paula Adams and Linda Schotz) began teaching information literacy components in ENGL 1102 and CPSC 1105 classes. During the fall and spring semesters the Instruction Team taught 72 of these information literacy classes to 1816 students.

The CSU Libraries website was redesigned by Systems Librarian Akeisha Heard. The new look is more in keeping with the CSU style and is easier to use. As part of the redesign, CSU-purchased electronic databases were incorporated into the main GALILEO index. Also a new proxy server was installed, which makes it easier for CSU users to access electronic resources from off-campus.

The Music Library acquired two new audio databases thanks to a Student Technology Fee grant. Classical Music and Naxos Music Library are the two new resources. Together the two comprehensive, dynamic databases provide tens of thousands of licensed audio selections covering primarily classical music, but also jazz, blues, stage and screen, world/folk, New Age, and Chinese music.

*Goal 2: Improve upon the **library as a place** in order to create a vital, dynamic center for learning.*

The large classroom space on the second floor that had been used for casual group study was transformed into a seminar room. It is furnished with two long conference tables and 14 chairs. The room can be scheduled for meetings; when not in use, students continue to use it as a study room.

The Archives purchased map files for architectural drawings. The new cabinets now house the loose papers, which, formerly, were stacked in unsightly piles.

*Goal 3: Improve and increase **outreach activities** in order to heighten awareness and appreciation of the libraries' role and value in the academic life of the university.*

CSU Libraries held a wide variety of programs to bring people into the library:

Books and Berries – an afternoon tour-with-dessert for incoming freshmen, held during Welcome Week

Banned Books Read-Outs, September 26 and 28, featuring 11 faculty and staff reading from their favorite banned books (on the library veranda)

Southeast Chapter of the Music Library Association, October 12-14, hosted by CSU's Music Library, attracted 45 music librarians from across the Southeast

Revisiting the Library, October 19, a 1.5 hour-long re-orientation to the library for campus administrators, featuring a tour, dessert and demo of electronic resources

Four Faculty Research Forums, featuring presentations by 8 faculty members, mid-January – early February; light lunch fare served at each forum

African American Poetry Read-In, February 5, coordinated by English Professor Tyrone Jones; around 10 students and faculty read their favorite poem by an African American poet; light refreshments were served.

My Favorite Children's Book Read-Out, April 5, sponsored by the Hunter Lecture Committee as a prelude to the 2007 Hunter Lecture, which featured noted children's author Carmen Deedy; 14 readers participated

Annual Book Sale, April 17-19; Libraries made \$1115 profit from the sale of gift books that were not added to the collection

Book Talk for National Library Week, April 17, featuring local historian and author Louise "Biddy" Hammett, who spoke about her book on the life of LaGrange College librarian and playwright Carrie Fall Benson; refreshments were served

The Libraries hosted an ice-cream social in July for the Friends of CSU Libraries at the Carson McCullers Center; about 15 people attended. Center Director Cathy Fussell spoke to the group; librarians Erma Banks, Chris Bloss and Reagan Grimsley spoke about their involvement in McCullers research.

The CSU Archives officially assumed responsibility for publishing *Muscogiana*, a journal devoted to local history and genealogy that was formerly published by the Muscogee Genealogical Society. Last year the Archives published two issues. The Society provides editorial and financial support for this venture.

Goal 4: Focus on quality in all endeavors to ensure excellence.

In the fall CSU Libraries participated in LibQUAL, a commercially-available user satisfaction survey. From a population of 8,595 individuals, 785 responded or about nine per cent. Overall results show a high level of satisfaction for library services, collections and facilities. During the next year, library faculty will continue to analyze the results of the survey and strive to improve in weak areas.

In January 2007, during the implementation of its new web page design, CSU Libraries created an online suggestion box that allows users to ask questions

and offer comments/suggestions. Suggestion box emails are answered by the Dean of Libraries or referred to the appropriate librarian.

In September 2006, the CSU Archives received a 2006 Outstanding Archives Award for Excellence in Archival Program Development from the Georgia Historical Records Advisory Board. The award was presented by Secretary of State Cathy Cox at a ceremony held at the Georgia Archives in Morrow, Georgia.

High-priority action initiatives for FY2008 will focus on budget, staff, collections, facilities and planning.
Budget:

CSU Libraries will lobby for an addition to the Instructional Technology Services Department's budget of \$40,000 for supplies (mainly projector lamps) and repairs

The Libraries are also asking for a \$80,000 increase in the library materials budget. This will bring CSU Libraries more in line with their peers in the University System. Columbus State University's first goal is promoting academic excellence at every level; one of the objectives under this goal is funding the library to the level of national benchmarks. Hopefully this issue can be addressed in FY08

Staff:

CSU Libraries will seek to create a part-time Assistant Dean position. This position would offer the current dean a good deal of administrative assistance and provide administrative leadership once the dean retires
The CSU library faculty will update their promotion guidelines (standards of excellence) and investigate the possibility of tenure for librarians

Collections:

Librarians will do an in-depth analysis of current library materials spending and will develop plans for FY09 allocations, with special attention given to the probable decrease in the library materials budget (since there will be no more Capital Campaign supplement); the library collection development policy will be updated.
Librarians will weed the Reference and Bound Periodical Collections to reflect more efficient and relevant resources and create room for the expansion of the Information Commons and more comfortable seating areas

Facilities:

The Information Commons will be expanded
More comfortable seating areas will be created
Areas in the Schwob Library will be clearly delineated for quiet study and active learning zones

Planning:

During the year, the Library Faculty will develop a new strategic plan

Contributions of Library Faculty in FY 2007

Offices held:

Chris Bloss is chair of the Popular Culture Association's the Southern Literature and Culture Panel

Carole Burke is a member of the American Library Association's Library Instruction Roundtable Steering Committee

Roberta Ford is chair of the Music Association's Carol J. Bradley Award Committee

Sandra Stratford is a member of the Association of Educational Communications and Technology's ECT Foundation Board

Reagan Grimsley is editor of *Provenance: The Journal of the Society of Georgia Archivists*

Reagan Grimsley serves as Archivist for the Georgia Association of Historians

Michelle Jones serves as chair of the Georgia Library Association's Interlibrary Loan Interest Group

Callie McGinnis is chair of Georgia Library Association's Academic Division

Carole Burke is secretary of the Columbus Area Library Association

Reagan Grimsley is a member of the Historic Westville, Inc. Board of Trustees

Reagan Grimsley serves as editor of *Muscogiana*, a journal dedicated to Columbus area history and genealogy, published by the CSU Archives in association with the Muscogee Genealogical Society

Callie McGinnis is an ex-officio member of the Historic Columbus Foundation Board.

Callie McGinnis is executive director of the Muscogee Genealogical Society

Sandra Stratford is a member of the Columbus Technical College, Library Advisory Committee

Presentations:

Chris Bloss presented "Porch Lights" (short story), Popular Culture Association, Boston, April 2007

Reagan Grimsley presented "Discovering Blind Tom Wiggins: Creating Access To Original Music Scores in the Columbus State University Archives" at the Southeastern Music Library Association Annual Conference, October 2006, Columbus, GA.

Callie McGinnis presented "Programming in Academic Libraries" (50-minute presentation), COMO, Athens, October, 2006

Publications:

Roberta Ford, "SEMLA on the „Hooch,“" *Breve Notes*, 78 (August 2006), 1,6.

Reagan Grimsley, "Review of Ramachandra Guha's *How Much Should a Person Consume?: Environmentalism in India and the United States* (Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 2006), *Choice Magazine*, April, 2007.

Reagan Grimsley, "Review of Sonja Cameron and Sarah Richardson's *Using Computers in History* (New York: Palgrave MacMillen, 2005), *Choice Magazine*, July 2006.

Linda Schotz, "Field Artillery," *Air University Library's Index to Military Periodicals (AULIMP)*; bi-monthly publication).

Sandra Stratford, "The Trials & Tribulations of Creating a Media-Equipped Conference Center," *CCUMC Presentation, Conference Proceedings*, October 2006.

Conferences attended:

Chris Bloss attended the annual meeting of the Popular Culture Association in Boston, April 2007

Carole Burke attended the American Library Association's midwinter meeting in January 2007 in Seattle

Carole Burke, Michelle Jones and Callie McGinnis attended the annual conference of the ALA in New Orleans, July 2006

Roberta Ford attended the annual meeting of the Music Library Association, Pittsburgh, February 2007

Reagan Grimsley attended the Society of American Archivists Annual Conference, August 2006, Washington, D.C.

Reagan Grimsley attended the Gulf South History and Humanities Conference, October 2006, Pensacola, FL

Linda Schotz attended the Children's Book Festival at the University of Southern Mississippi, March, 2007

Sandra Stratford attended the Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT) annual conference, October 2006, Dallas, TX

Sandra Stratford attended the Consortium of College & University Media Centers Conference, October 2006, Austin, TX

Paula Adams and Chris Bloss attended the Georgia Conference on Information Literacy in Statesboro, October 2006

Roberta Ford attended the International Clarinet Conference, August 2006, Atlanta

Reagan Grimsley attended the Society of Georgia Archivists Annual Conference, November 2006, Atlanta

Michelle Jones, Callie McGinnis and Linda Schotz attended the annual meeting of the Georgia Library Association, Athens, September 2006.